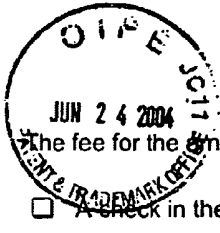


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of **\$55.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. **50-1619** in the amount of **\$55.00**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-1619**
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 23, 2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: June 24, 2004 until: July 23, 2004  
*Date* *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	13 -	20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00